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SUB: ALL PAKISTAN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

1. GOP HAS NOTIFIED EMBASSY OF FORTHCOMING " ALL PAKISTAN SCIENCE CONFERENCE" TO BE HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF ISLAMABAD DURING PERIOD MAY 14-18, 1973. THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS BEING SPONSORED BY PAKISTAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND IT WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS IN ALL MAJOR SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES. ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE, M. I. D. CHUGHTAI, HAS ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE HOPES TWO PROMINENT U. S. SCIENTISTS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND. SIMILAR OFFICIAL INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING CPR AND SOVIET UNION.

2. SECRETARY CHUGHTAI WAS ASKED IF HE HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANY U. S. SCIENTISTS AND/ OR HAD ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS IN MIND TO INVITE TO CONFERENCE. HIS RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE, ADDING IT WAS GOP CURRENT POLICY TO DEFER TO INVITED COUNTRIES IS SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS. ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE SPONSORS WILL ASSUME PARTICIPANTS LIVING EXPENSES DURING VISIT, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL NOT RPT NOT BE COVERED. CHUGHTAI WAS ADVISED THAT INVITATIONS WOULD BE PROMPTLY RELAYED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON WHO IN TURN WOULD SOUND OUT
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INTEREST OF U. S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. HE WAS CAUTIONED HOWEVER THAT IN VIEW OF THE EXTREMELY BRIEF LEAD TIME TO COMPLETE FOREGOING INQUIRY, COUPLED WITH THE TIME CONSUMING PROCESS OF OBTAINING TRAVEL GRANTS, HE SHOULD NOT BE OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING PROSPECTS U. S. SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATION. CHUGHTAI ACKNOWLEDGED TIME PROBLEM, EXPLAINING THAT IT HAD BEEN ONLY LAST WEEK THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE A SITE FOR THE CONFERENCE, AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL THE CONFERENCE HE HELD DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR WHICH ENDS JUNE 30.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO ABOVE INVITATION.
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